ELLIOTT N. TIOMKIN, ESQ., SBN 248737 LAW OFFICES OF ELLIOTT N. TIOMKIN 1 16133 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 700 Encino, California 91436 Telephone: (310) 774-1437 Fax: (310) 919-3744 3 etiomkin@gmail.com 4 Attorneys for Defendant, RONEN OHAYON, JOSEPH DANIEL RUFFIN, ANASTAS EDDIE ARUTYUNYAN, and 5 ALL STATE REMODELING, INC. 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION 8 9 JORGE ALEJANDRO ROJAS, CASE NO. 2:22-cv-04100-FLA-PVC 10 DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO Plaintiff, 11 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES; DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL V. 12 RONEN OHAYON, JOSEPH DANIEL 13 RUFFIN, ANASTAS EDDIE Action Filed: August 23, 2022 ARUTYÚNYAN, and ALL STATE 14 REMODELING, INC., 15 **Defendants** 16 17 Defendants, RONEN OHAYON, JOSEPH DANIEL RUFFIN, ANASTAS EDDIE 18 19 ARUTYUNYAN, and ALL STATE REMODELING, INC., ("Defendants"), by and 20 through the undersigned counsel, hereby answers Plaintiff JORGE ALEJANDRO 21 ROJAS's ("Plaintiff") unverified Complaint and, admit, deny, and allege as follows: 22 23 24 1. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations 25 contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or 26 27 belief, deny those allegations. 28 14-CV-05841-JFW-AGR ANSWER

2. Paragraph 2 does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.

- 3. Paragraph 3 does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 4. Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraph 4.
- 5. As to paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: Defendant admits that this Court has original jurisdiction over certain claims which allege a violation of TCPA. These answering defendants lack sufficient information and belief to admit or deny all other allegations contained therein and based on that lack of information and belief deny the remainder of the paragraph.
- 6. As to paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: All State Remodeling, Inc. conducts business in the State of California and is a California entity. The events that Plaintiff alleges are alleged to have taken place within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Central District of California and that Plaintiff attempts to invoke this Court's jurisdiction. These answering defendants lack sufficient information and belief to admit or deny all other allegations contained therein and based on that lack of information and belief deny the remainder of the paragraph.

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7. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

- 8. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 9. Defendants admit the allegation in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.
- 10. Defendants admit the allegation in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. Defendants admit the allegation in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.
- 12. Defendants admit the allegation in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
- 13. Defendants admit the allegation in paragraph 13 of the Complaint.
- 14. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 15. As to paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The statutory quote appears to be derived from statute. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 16. As to paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from statute. The remainder of the paragraph is

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a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.

- 17. The entirety of Paragraph 17 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 18. As to paragraph 18 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The TCPA provides a private cause of action under certain circumstances. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 19. As to paragraph 19 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The quote appears to be derived from a publication. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 20. As to paragraph 20 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The quote appears to be derived from a publication. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 21. As to paragraph 21 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from statute. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.

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22. As to paragraph 22 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from statute. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.

- 23. The entirety of Paragraph 23 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 24. As to paragraph 24 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from statute. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 25. The entirety of Paragraph 25 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 26. The entirety of Paragraph 26 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 27. As to paragraph 27 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from statute. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 28. As to paragraph 28 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from a court decision. The remainder of the

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36. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

37. As to paragraph 37 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following:

Defendant All State Remodeling, Inc. is a construction/home remodeling company.

The remaining allegations in Paragraph 37 are denied.

38. Paragraph 38 is vague, ambiguous and unintelligible as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 38 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

- 39. Paragraph 39 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 39 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 40. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 40 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 41. Paragraph 41 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 41 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

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42. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 42 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

- 43. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 43 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 44. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 44 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 45. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 45 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 46. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 46 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 47. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 47 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 48. Paragraph 48 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 48 of

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the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

- 49. Paragraph 49 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 49 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 50. Paragraph 50 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 50 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 51. Paragraph 51 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 51 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 52. Paragraph 52 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 52 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 53. Paragraph 53 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 53 of

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the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those 1 2 allegations. 3 54. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations 4 contained in paragraph 54 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or 5 6 belief, deny those allegations. 7 55. Paragraph 55 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific 8 information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 55 of 9 10 the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those 11 allegations. 12 56. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations 13 14 contained in paragraph 56 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or 15 belief, deny those allegations. 16 57. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations 17 18 contained in paragraph 57 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or 19 belief, deny those allegations. 20 58. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations 21 22 contained in paragraph 58 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or 23 belief, deny those allegations. 24 59. Answering paragraph 59 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 25 **26** and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 59. 27

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60. Paragraph 60 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 60 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

- 61. Paragraph 61 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 61 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 62. Paragraph 62 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 62 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 63. As to paragraph 63 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from a court decision. The remainder of the paragraph is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 64. Paragraph 64 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 64 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.

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65. Answering paragraph 65 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 65.

- 66. Answering paragraph 66 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 66.
- 67. Answering paragraph 67 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 67.
- 68. Answering paragraph 68 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 68.
- 69. Answering paragraph 69 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 69.
- 70. Answering paragraph 70 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 70.
- 71. Defendants admit the allegation in paragraph 71 of the Complaint.
- 72. Answering paragraph 72 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 72.
- 73. Answering paragraph 73 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 73.
- 74. Answering paragraph 74 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 74.
- 75. As to paragraph 75 of the Complaint, Defendants admit the following: The selective quote appears to be derived from a court decision. The remainder of the

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85. Answering paragraph 85 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 85.

- 86. Answering paragraph 86 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 86.
- 87. Answering paragraph 87 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 87.
- 88. Defendants lack specific information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 88 of the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those allegations.
- 89. Answering paragraph 89 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 89.
- 90. Answering paragraph 90 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 90.
- 91. Answering paragraph 91 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 91.
- 92. The entirety of Paragraph 92 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny.
- 93. Answering paragraph 93 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 93.
- 94. Answering paragraph 94 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 94.

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95. Answering paragraph 95 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 1 2 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 95. 3 96. Answering paragraph 96 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 4 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 96. 5 6 97. Paragraph 97 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific 7 information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 97 of 8 the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those 9 10 allegations. 11 98. Paragraph 98 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific 12 information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 98 of 13 14 the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those 15 allegations. 16 99. Paragraph 99 is vague and ambiguous as written. Thus, defendants lack specific 17 18 information and belief to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 99 of 19 the Complaint and based on that lack of information or belief, deny those 20 allegations. 21 **22** 100. Answering paragraph 100 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 23 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 100. 24 101. Answering paragraph 101 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 25 **26** and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 101. 27

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102. Answering paragraph 102 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 1 2 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 102. 3 103. Paragraph 103 does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to 4 admit or deny. 5 6 104. Paragraph 104 does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to 7 admit or deny. 8 105. Answering paragraph 105 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 9 **10** and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 105. 11 106. Answering paragraph 106 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 12 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 106. 13 14 107. Answering paragraph 107 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 15 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 107. 16 108. Paragraph 108 does not allege any specific facts, thus defendants are unable to 17 18 admit or deny. 19 109. The entirety of Paragraph 109 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any 20 specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny. 21 **22** 110. The entirety of Paragraph 110 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any 23 specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny. 24 111. The entirety of Paragraph 111 is a legal conclusion, and does not allege any 25 **26** specific facts, thus defendants are unable to admit or deny. 27

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112. Answering paragraph 112 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 1 2 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 112. 3 113. Answering paragraph 113 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 4 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 113. 5 6 114. Answering paragraph 114 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 7 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 114. 8 115. Answering paragraph 115 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 9 **10** and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 115. 11 116. Answering paragraph 116 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 12 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 116. 13 14 117. Answering paragraph 117 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 15 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 117. 16 118. Answering paragraph 118 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants deny generally 17 18 and specifically, each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 118. 19 **20** FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 21 22 Plaintiff's complaint fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of 23 action against Defendant. 24 SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 25 **26** Plaintiff's complaint is uncertain. 27

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THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 1 2 This action is barred by the doctrine of res judicata and/or collateral estoppel. 3 FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 4 This action is barred by the statute of limitations. 5 6 FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 7 Plaintiff lacks capacity and/or Article III standing to sue and bring this action. 8 SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 9 10 Plaintiff lacks standing to sue and bring this action because he has suffered no 11 injury in fact. 12 SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 13 14 Plaintiff lacks standing to seek injunctive relief. 15 EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 16 Plaintiff is not entitled to recovery based on the doctrine of unclean hands. 17 18 NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 19 Defendant was not the proximate cause of or has any causal connection to 20 Plaintiff's alleged injury and damage. 21 22 TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 23 Plaintiff has failed to mitigate or to reasonably attempt to mitigate his 24 damages, if any. 25 26 27 28

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ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff cannot obtain injunctive relief against Defendant because Defendant is powerless to undertake any injunctive relief.

## TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint, and all purported claims for relief alleged in the Complaint, are barred in whole or in part because Plaintiff's injury or injuries, if any, was/were caused by third parties acting outside the scope of agency, employment or control of Defendant.

## THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of estoppel, release, and waiver.

## FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims under the TCPA are barred due to an absence of any actual damages. Hence, any statutory damages are an excessive fine and violate

Defendants' rights under the Due Process and Takings Clause of the United States

Constitution and/or applicable state constitutions.

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WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that: 1 2 1. Plaintiff take nothing by this action; 2. Defendants be awarded costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, 3 of suit; and 4 3. Defendants be awarded such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper. 5 6 DATED: September 18, 2022 Respectfully submitted, 7 LAW OFFICES OF ELLIOTT N. TIOMKIN 8 9 /s/ Elliott N. Tiomkin 10 By ELLIOTT N. TIOMKIN, ESQ. 11 Attorneys for Defendants 12 13 14 15 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 16 Defendants hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues of fact properly 17 18 triable by jury. 19 **20** DATED: September 18, 2022 Respectfully submitted, 21 LAW OFFICES OF ELLIOTT N. TIOMKIN 22 23 /s/ Elliott N. Tiomkin 24 By ELLIOTT N. TIOMKIN, ESQ. 25 Attorneys for Defendants 26 27 **28** NSWER -20-